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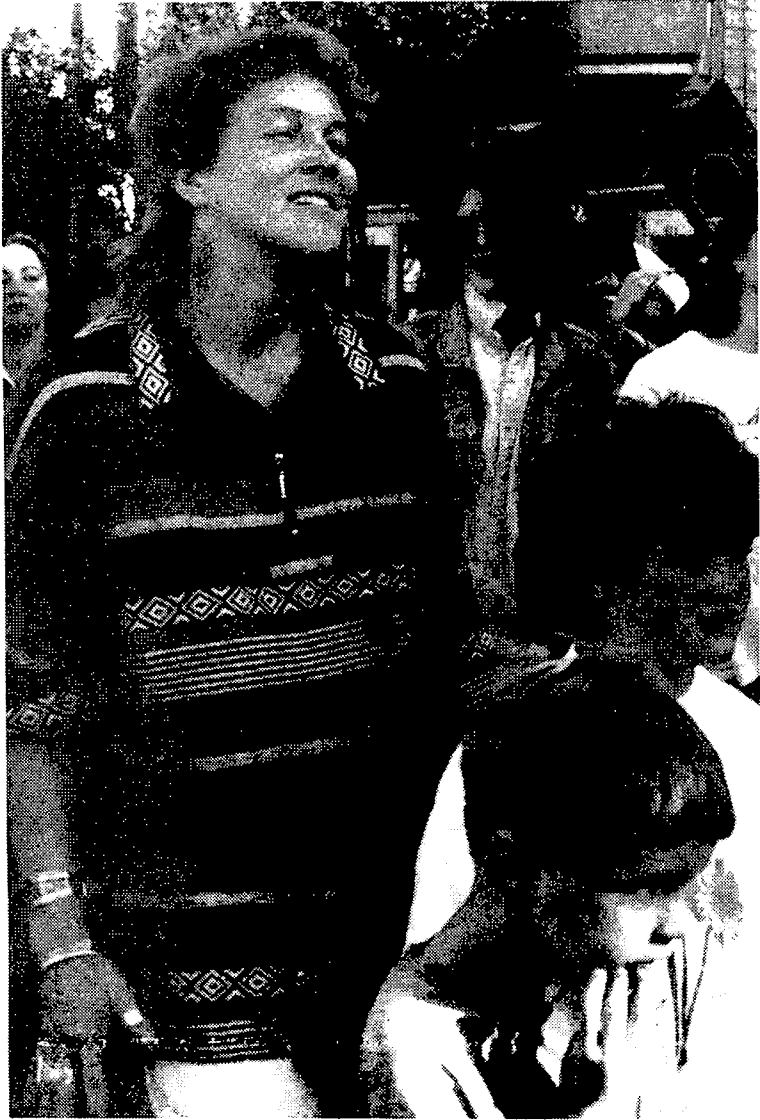


Photo by Beverly Tharp

Numerous bands performed live music at the Fiesta '95 street fair on Cortland Avenue..

Fiesta '95 a Rousing Success

by Elizabeth Robinson

You walk down Cortland Avenue on a bright hot autumn day, lemonade in hand. All around you are little children, people walking dogs, the smells of cooking in the air. It could almost be an ordinary day on Bernal Heights. Almost.

"Down on your neighborhood cop?" hollers a voice. "Then put him under!" The voice is that of Officer Jerry Nietz, about to be

plunged for the umpteenth time into the dunking booth soon to claim the Principle of Paul Revere, as well as other neighborhood luminaries. The carnival atmosphere so vital to any street fair is instantly fired by the sight of the dripping officer climbing back onto his perch, only to be sent back into the water by a sure-handed man with a tennis ball. Jerry shouts encour-

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Brutally beaten woman found near Bernal Hill

A woman identified as Kimberly Ann Bragg was found viciously beaten on October 21, near the base of Bernal Hill at Folsom Street and Bernal Heights Boulevard. Bragg, 25, was reported to frequent Capp Street between 16th and 19th streets, and is not believed to have been staying in Bernal Heights. She had been living in the Hamilton Family Shelter in the Haight until Wednesday the 18th, at which time she departed without stating her destination. She was found partially clothed at 5am by passersby.

She was taken to San Francisco General Hospital where she was listed as being in critical but stable condition, with facial and jaw fractures resulting from blunt force blows to her head. Investigator James Spillane reported that residents near the scene had heard two male voices and female screaming, followed by the sound of a car speeding away. Bragg apparently remained conscious long enough to crawl into the street, where she was later discovered.

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Tom AMMIANO'S PICKS 'N PANS FOR ELECTION '95

By Gareth Barkin

Outspoken and irrepressible, San Francisco Supervisor Tom Ammiano has earned his reputation as Bernal Heights' most courageous and outrageous politician. Despite the rigors of his position and the duties of fatherhood, he continues to perform his stand-up comedy act in clubs throughout the city. Recently, he sat down to share his opinions on the upcoming election with the *New Bernal Journal*.

MAYOR'S RACE

Front running candidates for mayor are: Roberta Achtenberg, Willie Brown, Ben Hom, and Frank Jordan T.A.: "I think the liberal progressive community is lucky, compared to the last mayor's race, because we do have two candidates who are.. quite different from Frank Jordan — to be diplomatic about it. And as long as we learn from the last time, and we don't split so much that the Jordan administration continues, well that's why I say that we're fortunate.

"I have enthusiastically endorsed Roberta Achtenberg... but as much as I support Roberta for mayor, if Willie makes that run-off, I will vote for Willie.

"I think [Willie Brown's allegedly unethical legal practices] are an issue when you're deciding who to vote for between Willie and Roberta, but I think that Frank Jordan is being totally disingenuous around this pseudo-piety, and one can only say that 'Is there a double standard working here?' based on race, or background, or, in Roberta's case it would be orientation... when you look at the big money that surrounded him in the last election.. he's not the one to be asking these questions.

DISTRICT

ATTORNEY'S RACE

Candidates for district attorney are: Bill Fazio, Terence Hallinan, and Arlo Smith.

T.A.: "I was the only elected official — I'm sure somebody will write in and say 'No he wasn't!' — but, you know, mainstream politician who did not endorse Arlo Smith, from the get-go. For a couple of reasons, one: I'm totally turned off by this 'It's two years before the election — endorse me' strategy. And also, after 16 years, I think San Francisco needs a change.

"I think Hallinan, who I am supporting, would bring an important change of tone to 'What is criminal activity, and what is not criminal activity,' certainly with the decriminalization of prostitution. And I think Terry's history is certainly the more progressive one.

COUNTY

SHERIFF'S RACE

Candidates for sheriff are: Art Conger, Robert Heimbaugh, and Michael Hennessey.

T.A.: "Hennessey is a Bernal Heights neighbor, and he has one of the best records in terms of integration and acceptance of gays and lesbians... he has taken stands against state-wide sheriff's associations, on issues like the death penalty, and so you have to admire him for that. I do admire him for that.

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Letters to Editor

Remembering the Real Cortland Avenue

I read the *Around the Neighborhood* article by Ms. Allen: "Cortland Ave. — What's In A Name?" [October '95 issue] Some of the information given to her is hogwash. My parents bought two lots on Andover Street just above Cortland Avenue in 1902. One had a Victorian house on it that was built in 1895 (it is still there). The other lot had a carriage house on it. My father later tore it down and built a [proper] house on it. I was born in the living room in 1914 as the upstairs bedrooms had not been

finished.

The streets, I was told, were paved with red rock that was quarried up on the hill between Andover and Moultrie streets. There was gas in the original house. The property owners assessed their lands at \$300 per lot in order to have the then United Railroads of San Francisco build a street car line up from Mission Street in 1909. It was to be a two track line, but the URRS misled them by building only one track, and never putting in the other. The single track was north of the center of Cortland Avenue with a passing track between Bonview

and Bocana Streets. It was double tracked from Mission Street to half way up to Coleridge Street (which was originally named California Ave).

The library was in the store now occupied by Technical TV, and during World War II, by the Draft Board. Originally it was a tailor shop operated by a widow, Mrs. Tripaldi. I went to kindergarten class at Junipero Serra School with her youngest son Guido, and later to Bernal Grammar School with her oldest son Roy.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, no one seems to know the origin of the name Cortland. The streets and lots, I was told, were laid out by a Senator "Fair." You note that Andover St. is wider south of Cortland Ave. That is because it was zoned commercial. One of my uncles built a store with residence above on lower Andover, but it never took, and recently was remodeled.

The building across from the library, which now houses the Neighborhood Center, was originally McCoy's Nickelodeon (a theater). I remember being taken there by my parents for Liberty Bond Rally during World War I. McCoy had a hardware store on Cortland between Bocana and Bennington streets on the site of the present day tavern. During the 20s, the Nickelodeon was subdivided into two stores. The one

on the east side (toward Moultrie St.) was occupied by Emilio Iudice's Barber Shop (he gave me my first professional haircut). I went to Bernal Grammar School with his oldest son, Carmelo. The hardware store on the west side was opened as The Cortland Hardware ("Stay On The Hill, and Trade With Bill") by Bill Johnson in the 30's; he had been employed in McCoy's hardware store.

The Bernal Market was on the corner where the restaurant is. Across Moultrie was Hansen's Grocery. Next to the hardware was The Owl Cafe, and next to it was a candy store — he made his own chocolates. Next to it on the corner, in Tisne's Flats (they were above) was a bakery.

Incidentally, there were no refugee camps as such after the '06 earthquake and fire. People took in the displaced temporarily. My father built living quarters in the carriage house and a Mrs. Holmes and her son Robbie lived in it until they found permanent quarters. My wife was born in a house on Peralta Ave. between Holiday Ave and Montcalm St. Her parents bought the house before 1906. We no longer live on Andover St., but in St. Mary's Park. We don't get your paper but a copy of the last issue was given us.

Cordially Yours, W.F.

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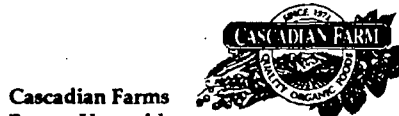
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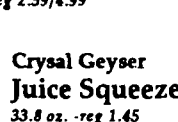
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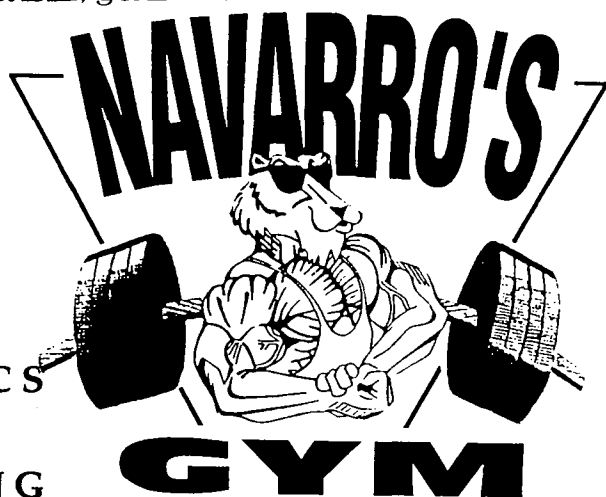
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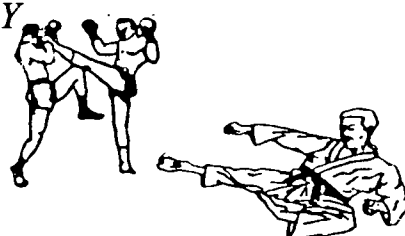
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CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS (PROP. A)

This initiative would authorize issuance of \$63,590,000 in general obligation bonds to modernize, improve, and repair the facilities of City Hall while it is vacant due to seismic upgrades and restoration currently in progress. Proponents say the improvements are needed, and that completing them concurrent to the seismic work will save money. Opposition claims the measure will cause a tax increase, and should be paid out of the city budget.

T.A.: "This is so we can build a day-care center and that sorta thing... I support it."



UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS (PROP. B)

This proposal would allow \$44,100,000 in bonds to be issued to pay for the removal, replacement, or upgrading of the city's 122 underground storage tanks. Proponents claim the action is environmentally needed, and that state fines for non-compliance make it necessary. Opposition says it will necessitate a tax increase, which would unfairly burden one segment of the population.

T.A.: "I thought about it, but we are fined every day that they aren't fixed, so I have to support this one."



STEINHART AQUARIUM (PROP. C)

This measure would allow \$29,245,000 in bonds to be issued for the reconstruction of Steinhart Aquarium, which has suffered great corrosion over the years. Proponents argue the aquarium has deteriorated, and that the city has a legal obligation to bring it up to code. Opposition claims the reconstruction will be disruptive to the animals, and should be paid for by the California Academy of Sciences.

T.A.: "Probably if I had my drouthers, I would take a combination [of funding sources], but you have to remember I was an elementary school teacher in San Francisco for 30 years — or over 20, anyway — and I used that part a lot for the kids. So I also have an emotional attachment it's such a productive thing, especially for kids who are disadvantaged."



PREVAILING WAGES (PROP. D)

This charter amendment would allow the city to pay less than the prevailing wage for certain, specific jobs performed by non-profit organizations helping disadvantaged persons. Proponents claim it would allow non-profits to provide more job training, and help clean up the city. Opponents argue it's a way of allowing the city to exploit labor, and pay sub-standard hourly wages.

T.A.: "This was troublesome to me... but it was proved to me, as an elected official, that labor is not always monolithic. I don't think it would be used as a precedent [for other areas of labor]. I think we put in enough language and specificity so this would not occur."



NEW CHARTER (PROP. E)

This initiative would completely replace the current charter, the city's constitution, which is over 60 years old and thoroughly amended, with a new, streamlined one. Proponents argue the new charter is better organized, and would provide more power to elected leaders. Opponents say that the proposed charter is too radical a change, and that it gives too much power to the Mayor, and Board of Supervisors.

T.A.: "Again, it's not perfect, but we need to jump start this, in



YOUTH COMMISSION (PROP. F)

This charter amendment would establish a commission made up of youth which would advise the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on issues deemed important to the young. Proponents say youth are alienated from the decision-making processes which affect them directly. Opponents claim the commission would be too large, and have too broad an age range.

T.A.: "I think it's unfortunate that we have to go to these lengths, but I have a 15 year old daughter, soon to be 16, and for many years was on the School Board, and it's true: The last constituency that people turn to, especially when it deals with youth issues, is youth themselves. This will institutionalize it in a way that will not be a panacea, but at least assure sub-representation."



CITIZEN COMPLAINTS (PROP. G)

This charter amendment would greatly strengthen the Office of Citizen Complaint, especially in its disciplinary supervision of the police department. Proponents say it will support citizen's rights, and cause more careful monitoring of police behavior. Opponents claim it would weaken the authority of the Police Commission, and complicate a successful system.

T.A.: "This is mine, and I can't tell you how forcibly I support it. It does deal with police accountability, and, again, it's a baby step. We need to do more. The only opposition comes from Quintin Kopp, who was not in favor of the OCC, the Office of Civilian Complaints. There is a lot of support for it, but one cannot count one's chickens."



PARKING & TRAFFIC (PROP. H)

This charter amendment would abolish the Department of Parking and Traffic (transferring control to the Police Dept.), lower many parking fines to 1988 levels, greatly increase the number of meter-maids on the street, and change parking meters to accept nickels and dimes. Proponents argue that the city should not look to parking fines as a source of increasing revenue, making them prohibitively expensive for lower-income people. Opponents say the amendment would necessitate a tax increase or budget cuts, and that expired meter tickets would

be less expensive than many parking garages.

T.A.: "That one is a scam. I ran on the idea of at least getting away from the quarter-only meters... so now they're going to retrofit all the meters so they're electronic and break less, and they're going to take quarters, nickels, and debit cards. So that should free that part up. This is something we just got done yesterday, so everybody should be happy with that."

"I do not support 'H', because I think there are hidden costs there, and you're going to have to increase the staffing. But of course I think that... if we had more progressive taxation, we might be able to look at other revenue than parking fines which has become so important now. But 'H' is not a solution."



TAXICABS (PROP. I)

This ordinance would allow the city to regulate fees charged to cab drivers by cab companies, increase taxi inspections, allow more cabs on the street during peak hours, and create a centralized dispatch system. Proponents say it would provide safer, more effective taxi service, while protecting drivers. Opponents say the plan is too expensive, and that the customers will wind up paying the tab.

T.A.: "My father was a cab driver — I don't see it hurting drivers; I know it's very controversial. I know that the owners are very much against it. They've spent two or three hundred thousand dollars to beat it. I've been around a long time, and every time a taxicab initiative comes up, I don't understand it — we always laugh. But I think it's good."



MUNI AUDIT (PROP. J)

This ordinance would call for a complete and thorough audit of the MUNI system, which would create an action plan to improve service. Proponents claim a study of this size is necessary to understand the system and improve it effectively. Opponents say there have already been too many MUNI audits, and that the action plan would have to be carried out, regardless of its feasibility.

T.A.: "I think it's a simplification, it's the Republican thing, 'I demand an audit,' and that's supposed to be the solution. I think it's spinning wheels and a waste of time."

"Muni is totally underfunded, and scapegoated. I think if people stopped looking at the union as the reason for Muni's inefficiencies, that they'd be more willing to negotiate things like work rules, and stuff like that."

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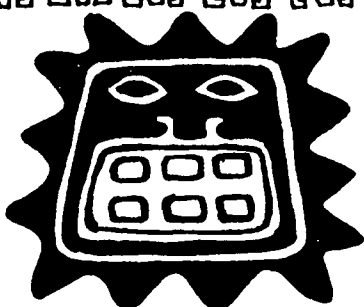
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**PRIVATIZATION (PROP. K)**

This ordinance calls for a study to be performed to determine if the city could save money or increase efficiency through the use of outside contractors. Proponents say the study will encourage the city to contract out more, thus saving money. Opponents claim it will jeopardize union jobs, and cause lay-offs of city workers.

T.A.: "It sucks. It's basically just saying, 'Let's do a study..' We don't need a ballot measure for that. [The Supervisors] have all been asking for a study, and we've encountered resistance from the

Mayor's Office, because I am not convinced that privatization is cost effective... They don't look at the long term. Prop. J passed in 1979, and I deal with Prop. J contracts all the time, and we find out that people don't have health benefits. So is that why it's more cost effective? Because you have people who don't have health benefits? If it's more cost effective, you have to ask why. Is it because of unethical business practices?"

**CURFEW (PROP. L)**

This ordinance mandates a curfew for youth 17 or younger between 12am and 5am on weekends, and 11pm and 5am on weekdays. It would replace a slightly more tolerant curfew which went into effect less than two months ago. Proponents claim it will help to stop the increase in juvenile crime in the city. Opponents say it is harsh and unenforceable, and that the present curfew was passed in order to appease public desire for a reasonable curfew.

T.A.: "I'm totally against the curfew. I think that, while it was well intended, Supervisor Leal's curfew measure [currently in effect] capitulated to Frank Jordan; it's very similar. I appreciate the intent, but I do not support it, I think it's damaging. It goes back to my point that people do not value young people, people do not value their opinions.

"Nobody's doing anything — I don't think police want to [enforce the curfew]... and let's face it, there are some people who are going to make money from a curfew: the people who provide the services."

**CAMPAIGN SPENDING LIMITS****(PROPOSITIONS M)****(PROPOSITIONS N)**

These two ordinances are both place limits on the amount of money candidates for Mayor and Board of Supervisors can spend.

Prop. 'M': Mayor \$1,000,000. Supervisor \$200,000. **Prop 'N':** Mayor \$600,000

(additional \$400,000 for run-off only). Supervisor \$250,000.

T.A.: "I wanted \$75,000 [as a cap for supervisor campaign spending] but I got outvoted. If it's a first step, good. I think that Frank Jordan was somewhat hypocritical; Terrance Hallinan had his [spending limit proposition] on, and he got that thrown out in court, then he came up with his own. And also escaped the deadline, so he could spend as much as he wanted to."

**CESAR CHAVEZ OR ARMY ST. (PROP. O)**

This ordinance would override a decision of the Board of Supervisors which re-named Army Street in honor of Cesar Chavez. Proponents argue the name change disrupts business, and should be decided by the voters. Opponents argue that it would be a dishonor to go back on the decision, and that Chavez deserves the honor.

T.A.: "I sponsored the name change to Cesar Chavez, and to me this issue is almost as important as the Mayor's Race, because it really says what San Francisco is about. Are we willing to honor those who have made a contribution, and not say that diminishes the past, but that it enriches the past. "I hope we can put this behind us, because I think we're the only city to ever entertain this.. it would feel bad as a San Franciscan, as a teacher, as a Bernal Heights resident.. I hope deeply in my heart that it's a keeper."

"They say it's the merchants, but I wonder. I don't think even merchants are monolithic. And this whole thing about it should be another street, I think that's disrespectful. And the street they talked about, South Van Ness, has more merchants [than Cesar Chavez]."

Christmas in April Returns to Bernal Heights

Caring volunteers provide free home repairs for seniors, low income and disabled homeowners

On April 27, 1996, Christmas in April / San Francisco volunteers will once again work with Bernal heights residents as thousands of volunteers from businesses, labor, and the community come together in neighborhoods throughout San Francisco to repair and refurbish the homes of their low-income, elderly and disabled neighbors. All work is free of charge and everyone is encouraged to get involved — as a homeowner, volunteer, or sponsor.

Christmas in April / San Francisco is part of a national effort to help low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners live in safety and independence. Begun in Midland, Texas in 1973, Christmas in April now has 158 affiliate programs across the country.

1996 will be Christmas in April's sixth year in San Francisco. In April 1995, Christmas in April / San Francisco volunteers repaired 42 homes and 16 nonprofit facilities in San Francisco. Over 3,000 volunteers donated their time, and 98 businesses sponsored projects. Since its inception in 1990, Christmas in April / San Francisco has repaired over 50 homes in the Bernal heights neighborhood and 197 citywide, as well as 51 nonprofit facilities throughout San Francisco.

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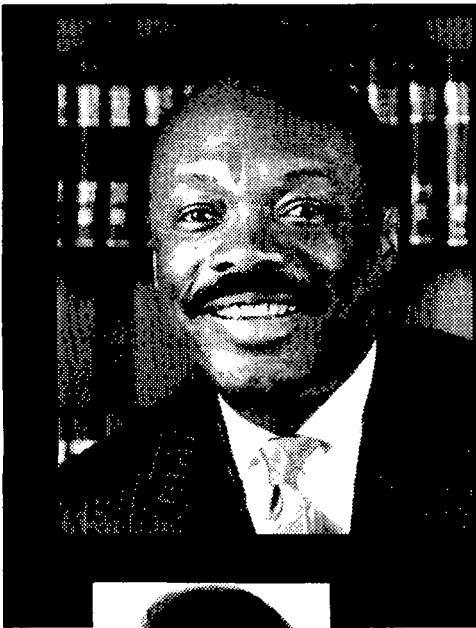


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Around the Neighborhood

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Keep the Urban Forest Alive with Mary & Kevin

Being a volunteer with the Friends Of The Urban Forest provides both the opportunity to plant low-maintenance, drought-resistant trees in front of your property, and to meet the people who live in your neighborhood. On a bright Saturday morning I met with Mary Cullen and Kevin Cavanaugh, who are passionate about trees and are coordinating the Bernal Heights tree planting to take place on Saturday, December 9th. The cost is \$25 per tree. If you would like to plant a tree or simply would like more information about participating in this spectacular day when 74 trees will be planted please call Mary at 282-9139 or Kevin at 206-1651. You will learn how to plant trees with small roots in an urban environment. The species of trees are chosen for their color, shape and respect for concrete sidewalks. You will also receive help from the Friends Of The Urban Forest on easily maintaining your trees.

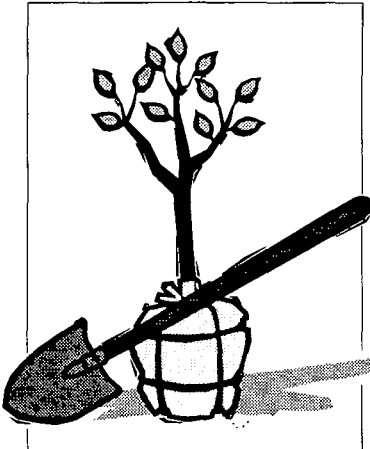
For years Mary and Kevin lived around the corner from each other, yet it wasn't until they began their volunteer work to enhance their neighborhood that they met. I had the opportunity to visit them both and enjoy the similarity of their homes filled with traditional, primarily religious art, made

alive by their gardens and nature's produce.

Mary had been to the Farmer's Market earlier in the morning and on the floor was a huge elongated yellow/green squash which she planned to paint, huge stalks of sugar cane leaning in the corner, beautiful bunches of purple grapes still on the vine in the kitchen window, and bunches of beets in the kitchen sink. I admired the freshness of the beets and their leafy green tops and she immediately offered me a bunch. Late Saturday evening I made a hearty borsht—reminiscent of the soup of my childhood.

We walked over to Kevin's home for a visual feast of Spanish art and artifacts and a delightful brunch of fresh coffee and scones. They and their partners came to Bernal Heights because it is truly a diverse yet traditional neighborhood with gentle weather and a convenient location. Their homes and gardens are bright, streamlined and resplendent with the care that comes from the love and joy of living.

Please call your neighbors, the Friends of the Urban Forest, at 282-9139 (Mary) or 206-1651 (Kevin) and make a date to join us on December 9th for a day of the continuing natural beautification of Bernal Heights.



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As the fall time change approaches, the San Francisco Fire Department wants to remind residents to make another change that could save their lives—changing the batteries in their smoke detectors.

Although smoke detectors are in 92 percent of American homes, non-working smoke detectors are so common that they are robbing residents of the protective benefits these critical home fire safety devices were designed to provide.

As part of their services to help elders, the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center's Neighborhood Elders Support Team is participating in the S.F. Fire Department's annual "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery Campaign." This national home fire safety program that urges Americans to change the battery of their smoke detectors when changing the clock back this fall. The SFFD will provide elders who sign up with the Neighborhood Elders Support Team a limited supply of replacement batteries for their smoke detectors.

The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke detectors: worn or missing batteries. Changing smoke detector batter-

ies once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce these tragic deaths and injuries. In fact, a working smoke detector cuts the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly half.

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REACTIONS TO THE MILLION MAN MARCH

By Helen H Helfer,
Executive Staff

I was talking last week with a Sophomore at Howard University in Washington DC, who was at the Million Man March, and he detailed his experience for me. "Around about 1,500 of us met at Howard at 6am and marched all the way down to the mall, chanting the whole way ... there were people everywhere cheering us on, and some were crying."

"It was awesome when we arrived at the mall....a sea of black people in front of me. We were like a regiment of soldiers in a war of love."

"The power of the march for me personally wasn't the speeches, but the men who came. One in 10 black men in America was there... asking ourselves to take care of ourselves...It wasn't an anti-woman march either. Women went to China and nobody blamed them for no men being there....This was a day FOR black men and we

needed that time together. It was the first time in our 400 year history that so many of us came together. It was the greatest day on this continent. I know we'll see a mass change in the black community as a result."

"There were over a million people there, no matter what the Park Service or the white press say. When they say there were only 400,000

men there, it's like they said during slavery...you can harvest 100 bushels, but they'll only give you credit for 40. But that's OK because we're going to be writing our own history, and that's what's important." (Note: A more recent Boston study puts the number in attendance at between 700,000 and 1.1 million.)"

I also talked with several partici-

pants at our Cortland Street Fair regarding the March and their reaction to it. Bill Sorro, a long-time

"This was a day FOR black men and we needed that time together. It was the first time in our 400 year history that so many of us came together... I know we'll see a mass change in the black community as a result."

Bernal resident, felt it was a, "very historic march. All those Black men coming together for a very positive message. I felt a part of them. The question of what comes from it the black community must address."

Bonge, one of the vendors at the Fair who lives in Bernal, felt the March had a big impact. "No-one

expected so many people to attend. Against all odds they came. It was the biggest event in black activism since Jesse Jackson ran for President. Despite all the criticism, especially about Louis Farrakan, it was a very positive event in the black community, and

will hopefully be a time for introspection in the white community. The question they need to ask is: Why are black people so angry? We need to sit down and talk with

each other and stop pointing fingers at each other."

Roland Paris, an African American photographer at the Fair, also felt the March was very positive. He strongly felt the white press is being very paternalistic about the event, particularly with their focus on Louis Farrakan. "I can separate out for myself what to believe in or not, and clearly sepa-

rate the messenger from the message. I don't need the white press to tell me or the black community what to think. I also believe there were far more people at this March than the 1963 March with Martin Luther King, and I wish I could have been there last week. It was the solidarity among black men that was so important."

Leslie, a white woman, thought the March was wonderful. "Too many people misread it, seeing Farrakan as the only focus. We, as white Americans, don't see racism as a problem, and that's very unfortunate." Diane, another white woman also supported the March, but said: "Too bad they didn't demand something from a system that's not working for them."

Sal Morales, a Latino activist, is waiting for white atonement. "White supremacy is still a key part of our society, and no one in the media addressed that issue in covering the March. We won't deal with racism as a society, especially in what we teach (or don't teach) our children about the real history of our country. I am proud to be Latino, am a good American and respect other cultures. Why do I have to assimilate?"

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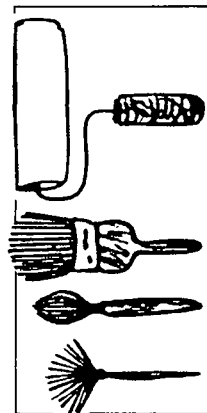
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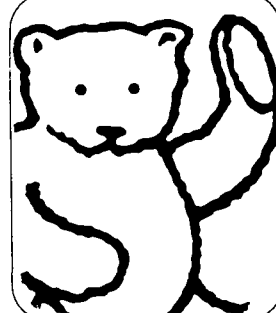
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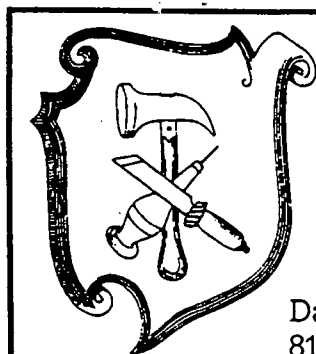
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Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center News

Fiesta on the Hill '95!

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agements as he waits for the next shot. "Hey! Are you still parking that motorcycle on the sidewalk?"

The scene of course is the 7th Annual Fiesta on the Hill, an extravaganza taking over Cortland Avenue from Bennington to Anderson streets, celebrating the rich cultural diversity and eco-

nomic wonderfulness to be offered by the people of Bernal Heights. On offer are over fifty booths and tables, demonstrating the works of craftsmen, masseurs, churches and bric-a-brac collectors, among many others. You can speak to Roberta Achtenberg in the Wild Side West, or Willie Brown on the street in front of the library. You

can eat cotton candy or ribs or Thai food or Philipino cuisine as well as all the food offered by the regular establishments of the Avenue. AT&T has a stall right next to the table selling hammocks. A gentleman with a walking stick dances next to a four year old child with a balloon. The air is thick with barbecue smoke, sunshine and reggae music.

Calvin Broomhead of Ellsworth Street is one person enjoying the atmosphere. He is in charge of the environmental education "house" - a free standing structure in the middle of the street, decorated like the interior of an ordinary home, and packed full with activities and questions to test general knowledge on energy conservation. "The house works very well at festivals like this" he tells me enthusiastically. "The best thing is when little kids bring their parents in and say 'Mommy, what does this say?' - then the parent has to read the questions aloud, and they get drawn in that way." It certainly seems to be the perfect lure for both children and adults; with its worm bin, its questions and answers behind

little doors, and its small shower, activated by pressing a button. Has Calvin had any problems with it? "Well ... there was one time we were at a street fair, and one man had had a few too many beers. I guess he saw the toilet here, and didn't realize it wasn't a real one. That's why we put the perspex cover on it now."

I go in search of Grace Flannery, the Fiesta Coor-

dinator. When I finally find her, she is on her way somewhere. She wears a pair of bright orange sunglasses and an exhilarated, harried expression. "I will meet you on the library steps in fifteen minutes" she tells

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The Fiesta on the Hill is a time for the Bernal Heights community to celebrate their unique and diverse neighborhood.

Photo by Beverly Tharp



Photo by Vicki Victoria

10,000 people attended Fiesta '95 on Cortland Avenue to enjoy Bernal Heights' annual community celebration.



Photo by Beverly Tharp

Booths and tables lined with sparkling jewelry, colorful hats, intriguing carvings and funky clothing from around the world turned Cortland Avenue into an international market of arts and crafts.

The street festival was a vegetarian's nightmare as huge slabs of barbecued ribs and chicken sizzled on open grills and fed hungry Fiesta goers.

Photo by Bob Henderson



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SFPD Officer Martha Fabiani hits the drink while a delighted crowd cheers at the Fiesta's popular dunking booth.

The Fiesta offered many creative and fun activities for kids to exercise their imaginations, including the baby pumpkin painting.

Photos by Beverly Tharp



me. "If I'm not there, it means I have been waylaid. It does happen." She disappears.

I catch up with Officer Jerry Neitz, by now dry and very cheerful. He relishes the Fiesta, because it gives him the chance to get to know the community he serves. "I was one of the first five Community Police Officers when the program was introduced" he tells me, holding up one hand to shield my eyes from the sun. "I applied for this beat, and I got it, and I'm very happy to be working in this community. It's nice when people feel that they can come up and tell me things that are worrying them in the neighborhood, and I can do something about it, because I'm not in a radio car on my way to another incident." He tells me of a

woman who approached him when she found out her neighbor was dealing crack cocaine. "She wasn't worried about the drugs, though; what concerned her was the heavy street traffic due to the clients coming to buy the drugs." After a residents' meeting to discuss the problem, "Narcotics was called and within three weeks we shut the house down. They collected three ounces of cocaine. That's a perfect example of how community policing works." He tells me he has been teased about his participation in the dunking booth, but that he doesn't mind at all. He grins. "Actually, I like it."

It is fifteen minutes later, and I am on the steps of the library. It would appear that Grace Flannery got waylaid. Looking around at all

the color and vibrancy of the festival, it strikes me that the Fiesta on the Hill has just taken all the best aspects of Bernal Heights and elaborated on them. On any ordinary day you can walk down Cortland Ave. and see dogs being walked and children playing. You can get good things to eat and meet up with some good company. The stores lining the Avenue are packed with splendid craftsmanship and intriguing variety. Call me a soppy old sentimentalist, but there seems something of the carnival is permanently ingrained in the community anyway. You may not be able to drop a policeman in a barrel of cold water every day of the week, but hey ... maybe that could be arranged.



A sea of fans poured along Cortland Avenue to hear the stars of Fiesta '95, Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band.

Photo by Vicki Victoria



Fiesta On The Hill '95 drew approximately 10,000 people to Cortland Avenue on Saturday, October 21. The proceeds of the event will go to fund youth, senior, and organizing efforts at the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center.

Dr. Jose Cuellar, a.k.a. Dr. Loco, takes the Fiesta crowd to higher degree as he wails on his red hot saxophone.

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Advice for Relationships on the Hill

Dear Dr. Nabler,

Is it a sin to keep in touch with your old boyfriends? I've been happily married for 6 years, however I really enjoy chatting and doing lunch with my old boyfriends (who are now married, too). Witty banter over the phone about life and love produces insight that I just can't get from my female friends. Lunch with one of them makes me feel giddy and sexy, the way I use to feel when I dated many moons ago. I thoroughly enjoy these exciting little sparks that renew my energy and make me feel attractive and independent. I don't feel that this is cheating on my husband because nothing physical ever transpires (he even unknowingly benefits because the sex is great after one of these meetings). I never have to fear tarnishing my wedding ring, but can't help wonder if this is just harmless fun or a signal that something's missing from my marriage.

- Woman Enjoying Her Past

Dear Woman,

Your letter is littered with little red flags that show how guilty you are feeling about your 'harmless fun.' Is what you're doing a "sin?" Only you can answer that for yourself. Of course you need friends, and it's fine and healthy to have close relationships outside of marriage. One person can't provide everything for another. But you're deluding yourself if you think you're independent when you need old boyfriends to make you feel "giddy and sexy." Does your husband know how he "benefits" from the flirtation other men are providing? I can't imagine he'd be thrilled at the idea. What you're really asking is it possible to have foreplay with one man and sex with another? Come on, Woman, you know it's a signal. You've already lost your common sense; try honesty with your husband before he is what's missing from your marriage.

If you'd like bathe in Dr. Nabler's infinite wisdom, address your letter to: Dr. Nabler: c/o New Bernal Journal 515 Cortland Avenue San Francisco, CA 94110

Whadda Ya Think?

by Nic Griffin

Cesar Chavez or Army Street?



Father Jo Walsh, 57, Pastor and 2 year Bernal resident.
"Cesar Chavez. It's one of the big streets going through the Mission District where Latino people meet, congregate and do business. Cesar Chavez' contribution is known to people in the mission. This is an opportune time to acknowledge his contribution to helping humanity take the big step toward recognizing the dignity of the human individual."

Miriam Murphy, 78, Retired, 78 year Bernal resident.
"Army St., Army St., Army St. I'd like to see a bronze statue for Cesar Chavez in Golden Gate Park, but not ruin our city streets. Look at the poor people who have to change their addresses and mailing. It costs them a lot of money. It's been Army Street since I was a little kid. My great grandparents lived in the same house where I now live."



Dimas Moncada, 30, Merchant, raised in Bernal.
"Cesar Chavez, definitely. Cesar Chavez was a leader of a movement to help a lot of people. Someone of his caliber should be honored. Naming a major streets is a worthy honor for such a man. I'm aware of the controversy and of the money involved in the change, but there's a five year plan to take care of that. To lose the opportunity to honor him because of those arguments seems misguided."

Oliver Sauneuf, 67, Shipping & Packing, 43 year Bernal resident.
"It should stay Army Street. It's been Army Street for years and years, and there's no reason to change it."



Barbara Underberg, 43, Employee Benefits Consultant, 8 year Bernal resident.
"I don't think it should be renamed. Why does it have to be a street? Renaming streets is disruptive. It destroys the history of a neighborhood. Even though this is creating a new history. The new Main Library doesn't have a name — why not name it after Cesar Chavez?"



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Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center Director Mauricio Vela noted his belief that the perpetrators of the crime had driven to Bernal Hill from outside the neighborhood. "These people probably came in from Capp Street, looking for a place to get rid of the unwilling victim. Although she was found on the hill, there is no evidence that the crime was committed there," he said, adding that, "the Bernal Heights community should not

think that it is unsafe to walk around Bernal Hill just because of this incident."

Police apparently spent the next day searching for the missing son of the victim, Tone Diano Frias, who had been staying at the shelter with her. They eventually found him at the home of Bragg's boyfriends' mother, on Harrison Street in the Mission District. Bragg's boyfriend had reportedly left the child there, having been given custody of the youngster by Bragg on Wednesday, the same day she left the shelter.

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THE PRIVILEGES OF HIS POSITION FOR THE
ENTERTAINMENT OF THE READERS.

by Gareth Barkin

The most protected man in hockey is the goalie. He wears an elaborate system of space age padding and high-impact plastic armor which covers his entire body, except for approximately two inches of his neck. The object of hockey, therefore, is to hit the goalie in the neck.

The first thing you should know is that there exists a group of chunky, aggressive men who are calling themselves the "San Francisco Spiders" and, under guise of night, they play hockey in the Cow Palace. The second thing, which you may already have determined, is that they let me in for free. It is, quite plainly, a symptom of my unsavory neuroses that I repeatedly attend events which I know in advance to be devoid of merit, only because I feel that I'm getting away with something. Indeed, one wouldn't have to strain the imagination to come up with a dozen free activities more rewarding than a minor-league hockey game — cleaning public toilets comes to mind. But what I like is when other people have to pay, and I don't. That's value.

I had to rush to the game directly from the Fiesta street fair, where I presided over the 'Dunking Tank' attraction — a popular hold-out from the Medieval vogue of public humiliation as entertainment. But after the cold winds began to blow, and long shadows from the Good Life building had crossed the avenue, the sobering spectacle came to an unceremonious conclusion, and it fell upon me to drain the tank of its contents. What had gone in was merely water, but what came out was... so much more. And when the drainage ended, I peered fearfully into the tank, only to be confronted by an acrid stench strongly reminiscent of the circus, as well as the frothy farewell of a dozen



For unknown, personal reasons, this man chose to paint his face completely red.

incontinent dunkees.

On the roof of the Cow Palace had been secured a monstrously large, inflatable red spider, which displayed the squalid grimace of a lunatic. I wondered how lonely and pathetic a real giant spider would have to be to take comfort in the plentiful arms of this shoddy imitation. I arrived with my trusted consulting editor, Vicki, who had brought along a camera with a very large lens. We soon found that having a camera with a very large lens, at a sporting event, defines the bearer as a legitimate member of the press corps, and can substitute adequately for genuine credentials.



Just plain nuts.

Upon entering the arena, I noted that a number of gentlemen in the audience had painted their faces blood-red. Needless to say, I found this rather disturbing. This team had only existed for a few weeks, and yet they had already manufactured a number of unoriginal traditions which the fans practiced gladly. The game was played out like a badly staged casino revue. There was loud music playing nearly all the time, game-show like contests and give-aways every few minutes, and even commercial announcements read over the loudspeakers. During the rare moments of relative silence, I was always surprised to look down and find little men quietly playing hockey; clearly they didn't trust the game itself to keep the attention of the audience. Everyone around us seemed to accept this as a given, and, I must admit, after watching the game for a couple minutes, I came to agree. Nevertheless, I made a mental note that I had witnessed another nail being driven into the coffin of Western Society.

We left shortly to find the press room. It was vast and empty, like an abandoned cafeteria, but featured the obligatory free soda fountain, and an oily bowl of yellow popcorn which we unexpectedly consumed. I saw a phone at one of the tables, and immediately tried to call Indonesia, where I believe I may have a few friends. It was busy, but the call had gone through — there was no long-distance lockout. Unfortunately, I haven't many friends outside of the immediate Bay Area. I haven't many inside the Bay Area either, but that's a topic for a different column. Later I was able to contact some Neighborhood Center people at Skip's Tavern, where they were busily putting the Fiesta behind them.

We were all settled in for the fourth period, when we noticed that nearly everyone had left, including the players. Everyone must be leaving early to beat the traffic, I reasoned aloud, but this theory didn't account for the disappearance of the hockey teams themselves. Perhaps because the Spiders were winning so handily, the other team (called the "Minnesota Moose," of all things) decided just to call it quits and go to sleep. We many never know. And in the long run, I have a feeling history will turn a blind eye to the entire episode.

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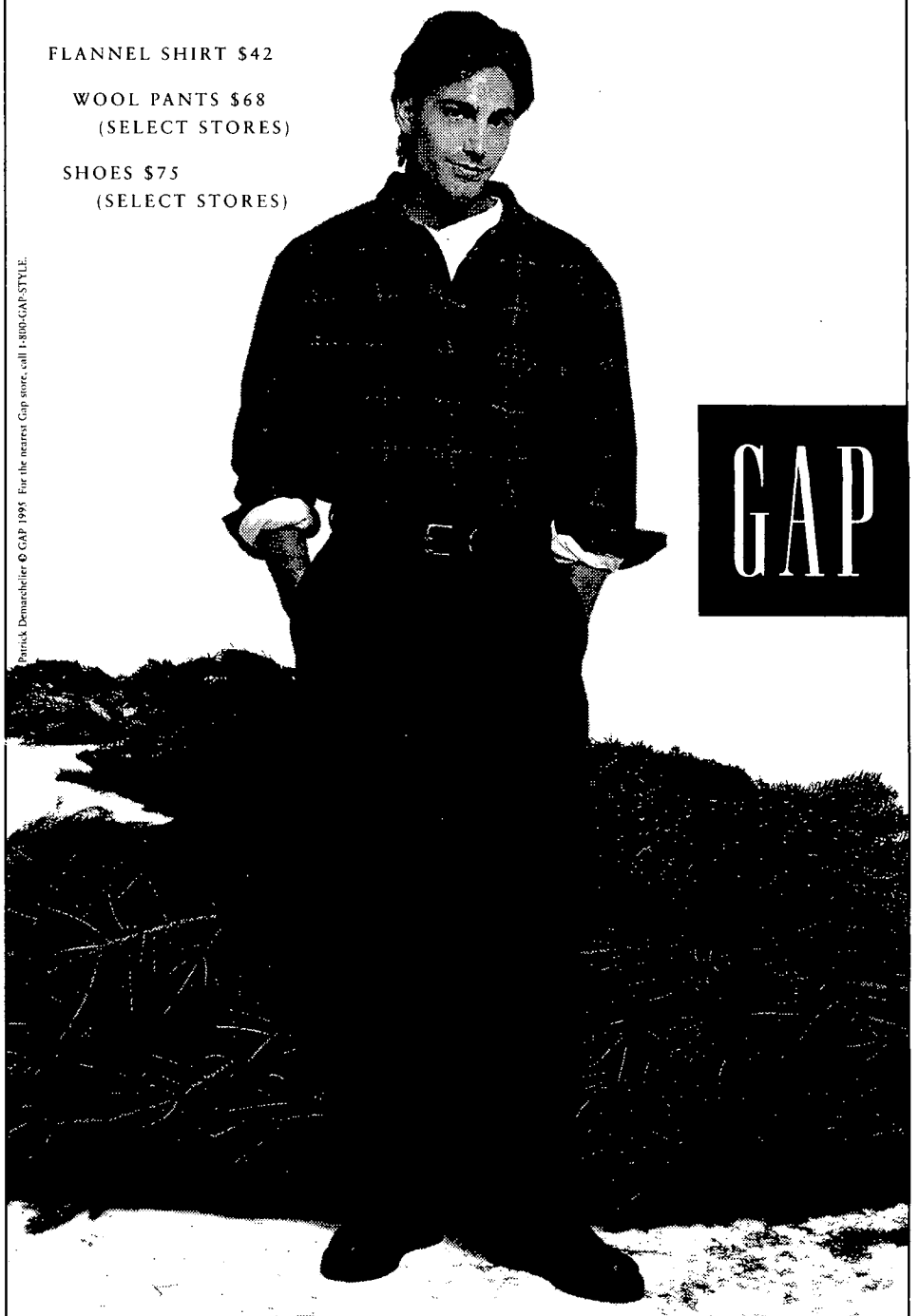
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You can guzzle a beer, you can sip on a coke,
And you can roll down your window if you're needing to smoke.

You can ask me your questions, whatever they are,
Like: How often do you have to change brakes in your car?
What is the building with the point on the top?
How do you make the cable car stop?
Where can you catch the best topless shows?
What do you do in the event that it snows?
Where are the singers? What's the best disco?
And why do you cringe whenever I say "Frisco?"

I'm the Social Worker Behind the Wheel,
And I'm yours for the asking whenever I'm hailed.
I'll bring you to Broadway, if that's your kind of place;
...Just don't expect me to keep a straight face.
It's movable couch, it's a movable scene,
It's a floating multi-service machine.
I provide Rollaids & cough drops, tell jokes that are clever,
And help you upstairs when you're under the weather.

So when you gotta be *there* on the proverbial double,
When you need support cause your in some kind of trouble,
Or just want to back on a more even keel,
Look for The Social Worker Behind the Wheel.

But if the voters reject Proposition I,
And the chance for Taxi reform becomes pie-in-the-sky,
I might just as well bring my cab back and park it,
For I'll soon be priced right out the market.

My shift my be filled by a new breed of hack,
One scrounging for enough chump change to keep him in crack.
You see, both rental and rates will become increasingly insane,
As we all pay for the owners' expensive (and deceptive) campaign.

Say hello to The Kamikaze Pilot Behind the Wheel.
Tighten your seat belt; forget your last meal.
He'll have to cut corners to pay for his lease,
So thank God if you arrive in one piece.

No more movable couch; no more movable feast.
(Though you can expect to be hit with a new fare increase).
VOTE YES ON PROP. I, GIVE US BOTH A FAIR DEAL,
Or say good-bye to The Social Worker Behind the Wheel.

YES, VOTE FOR PROP. I STOP THE CAB BARONS' STEAL.
... THANK YOU from The Social Worker Behind the Wheel.

—David Frankel

OPINION

Where Are The Jobs?

by Tom Gallagher

Get them off of welfare and back to work! Sounds good, doesn't it? Shouldn't every able bodied person want to get a job? Certainly the idea plays well in Washington these days. There is, however, one problem — just where are these jobs going to come from?

If you're one of the seven million Americans currently out of work you probably ask yourself this question every day. And even if you're fortunate enough to have a job you may be worrying about just how long you can count on having it.

But "Not to worry," sing all the voices from Washington in harmony: "Trust in the private sector; the magic of the market will make all your problems go away." And just what has the vaunted private sector been doing lately to make sure that there'll be enough jobs for all of us already working, those of us looking, and those about to be thrown off welfare?

MCI President Gerald Taylor recently provided an interesting example. When the company got some good second quarter news: profits of \$260 million, up from \$215 million a year ago, and total sales up 12%, he announced, "With the financial strength MCI has achieved, this is the ideal

time to... position the company for anticipated changes in the marketplace." In plain English this meant laying off 2,500 - 3,000 employees over the rest of the year. Taylor was paid \$1.6 million last year for this type of thinking.

And Taylor's way of thinking apparently seems like some pretty smart stuff to the folks who really count in his world — the Wall Street stock traders who decide a company's true worth. A little while back they paid their highest compliment to Chemical and Chase Manhattan Banks when they announced layoffs of 12,000 of their combined 63,000 employees — the value of the two banks' stocks rose 11% on the market. By this standard the banks should be able to increase the value of their stocks another 53% if they would just lay off their remaining 51,000 employees.

Proctor and Gamble Chairman Edwin L. Artzt understood that, "The public has come to think of corporate restructuring (read 'layoffs') as a sign of trouble, but this is definitely not our situation," he insisted when the company laid off 13,000 of its 106,000 employees. No, it takes a strong company and a strong CEO to make those tough decisions to take away someone else's livelihood. Artzt made \$2.8 million in 1994 for his tough decisions.

These are not isolated incidents. Across the country profits rose 11% in 1994, on top of a 13% increase in 1993, and yet corporate America still eliminated 516,069 jobs last year. In other words, accepted business strat-

egy is: in bad times, lay workers off; in good times lay workers off. Is the magic of the marketplace becoming clear yet?

And in case you think that a little change is actually good for everyone, studies show that men laid off in the early 1990s spent an average of 2.7 months out of work before finding their next job at which they made an average of 20% less than at the one they lost. Women found work a little quicker — in two months — but when they did go back it was for an average pay cut of 23%.

So, if not in the private sector, maybe these welfare mothers everyone's talking about can get themselves some government jobs? Wrong again. In case you missed

it, government employment is way out of fashion with the powers that be these days. In fact, the US Energy Department announced a layoff of 3,788 a while back in the hope of avoiding an even bigger cut at the hands of Congress. It seems like local politicians everywhere seek office on platforms of "cutting the fat" — which is how the public sector describes its own layoffs.

So, maybe you're getting the idea that the government should try something differ-

ent than yet another round of "job creating" corporate tax breaks like all of the others that have failed. Maybe you think it's time for government to take steps to guarantee that there are real jobs for all of those people to whom it preaches the work ethic?

Well, fortunately, although you'd never know it from what you read these days, you're not quite alone. There are about twenty members of Congress who agree and have filed HR 1050, "The Full Employment, Jobs For All Act." Since this Congress will not give a hearing to a bill that establishes every American's right to employment, Congressman Ron Dellums and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi will conduct a People's Hearing on the bill and related issues of economic insecurity on Saturday, November 11, from 12 to 4 PM at the Public Utilities Commission Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, at the corner of McAllister.

If you think things are not quite A-OK in the USA when convicted felon Michael Milken can pick up \$50 million for six days work on Time Warner's acquisition of Turner Broadcasting, while the real value of most people's wages continues to decline, you may want to contact the Full Employment Coalition at (415) 397-4911 to find out more about the bill, the hearing and the issue in general.

Tom Gallagher is Secretary/Treasurer of the Bernal Heights Democratic Club.

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Bernal Calendar

7 Days A Week

Tuesday

Spanish Conversation Social

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Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown

Pedro Almodovar's hilarious film will be shown in Spanish with English subtitles on Nov. 28 at 6:30 PM. Free. Bernal Heights Library, 500 Cortland, 695-5160.

Wednesday

Spanish Conversation

Ongoing Spanish Conversation program November 1, November 15 at 7 PM. All levels of Spanish speakers. Bernal Library.

Steamy Lesbian Erotica

Nov. 29 at 7:30 PM. Get set for a night of steamy lesbian erotica! Karen Tulchinsky, author of the newly released *In Her Nature*, as well as editor of *Tangled Sheets*, will read from her work. Plus special guests Midget and Red Jordan Arobateau. At Bernal Books, 401 Cortland, 550-0293.

Bingo

Every Wednesday Bingo at St. Kevin's. Games include Safari, Criss-cross, Good neighbor. Doors open at 6 PM. First game at 7:30 PM Old Hall. Entrance on Ellsworth btw. Jarboe and Cortland. St. Kevin's Parish, 704 Cortland, 648-5751.

Thursday

Thanksgiving Turkey

Nov. 23 at the Wild Side West. Stop by for some Turkey and good cheer. The Wild Side West, 424 Cortland, 647-3099.

Book Club

Nov. 30 at 4 PM. The adult reading group meets monthly to discuss a new book. November's book is "The Optimist's Daughter" by Yukio Mishima. Bernal Heights Library.

Deli Jazz

Every Thursday night at 7 to 10 PM Michael Gold on Saxophone, Paul Mindrup on Piano and Lee Alexander on Bass jam for you. The Deli Pub, 301 Cortland, 285-1631.

Friday

Bernard Weiner Reads

Nov. 3 at 8 PM. Bernal Heights resident Bernard Weiner, theater critic and author of several books of poetry, plays, and "Boy Into man: A Father's Guide to Initiation of Teenage Sons", will read. At Bernal Books.

Peter Money Reads

Nov. 17 at 8 PM. Peter Money of the Bernal Heights library, will read his poetry. Peter has been published in many literary

journals including *Talisman* and *Chron Review*. At Bernal Books.

Saturday

Tanchaz

Last Saturday evening of every month, come dance to a live Hungarian folk band. Oct. 28 and Nov. 25 at The Hungarian Sausage Factory.

Sunday

Reception for Kathy Kensinger

Nov. 19 at 2-4 PM reception for local photographer Kathy Kensinger's display. Kathy works with a toy camera, and focuses mostly on hidden corners of Bernal Heights. At Bernal Books.

Holiday Tree Trimming Day

Nov. 26 trim trees along Cortland Avenue. Neighbors and merchants come out and help each other put up lights and decorations. Make your home or business extra festive this year. Prizes given for best decorations.

Thursday

Live Music Nightly

At the Hungarian Sausage Factory: Jazz Guitar on Tuesdays. Gypsy music on Wednesdays. Jazz Piano on Thursdays. Gypsy/Folk music on Fridays. Central European Synthesizer Music on Saturdays, and Flamenco Guitar on Sundays. 419 Cortland. 648-2847.

Dia De Los Muertos Altar

From Oct. 15 to Nov. 15 a Dia De Los Muertos Altar is on display at Teodosia, 430 Cortland, 642-9223.

Art Exhibit

Bernal Heights artist Meridy Volz, will have some of her paintings on display paintings at the Barking Basset throughout the month of November. The Barking Basset, 803 Cortland, 648-2146.

Cortland Avenue Holiday Decoration Contest

Start thinking now! Merchants and Neighbors on Cortland Avenue are encouraged to go all out with their holiday decorations this year. The Cortland Merchants Association will award prizes in the following categories: "Best Decorated Store Front", "Prettiest Building" (White lights outlining features of the building encouraged.), "Fanciest Tree" (on sidewalk) and "Most Festive Window". Good luck everybody!

Call for Exhibits

The Bernal Heights Library has a monthly exhibit table / display. If you are an organization or individual interested in preparing such an exhibit please contact Valentin at the Bernal Heights Library for details, 695-5160.

Upcoming

Christmas Carols

The St. Kevin's Choir will have their annual Cortland Avenue caroling on Saturday Dec. 16 between 2:30 and 4:30 PM. Neighbors and shoppers, join us in celebrating the Christmas season.

More Holiday Events

Look for strolling musicians, holiday decorations, contest and games, Christmas caroling and other holiday events along Cortland Avenue throughout the month of December.

For Families, Kids and Teens

Monday

SKY

St. Kevin's Youth Program meets every Monday at 7 PM. Meet at Old Hall, entrance on Ellsworth. St. Kevin's Parish, 704 Cortland, 648-5751.

Tuesday

Trick or Treat

Tues. October 31 - Halloween. Trick or Treat for all kids in the neighborhood. Merchants and neighbors along Cortland Avenue will be giving out candy 5-8 PM.

Haunted House

Tues. Oct. 31 5-8 PM. Halloween Haunted House at the Bernal Heights Library.

Wednesday

Carnival of Wonders

Wed. Nov. 15 at 7:30 PM. Classic puppet show for kids of all ages. Family Night at the Bernal Heights Library.

Lead Information Program

Wed. Nov. 29 at 7:30-9 PM. Informational program for families about the dangers of lead for young children. Lead-based paint, water, testing procedures and more. Very important information for the health of you and your children. Bernal Heights Library.

Children's Story-Time at Bernal Books

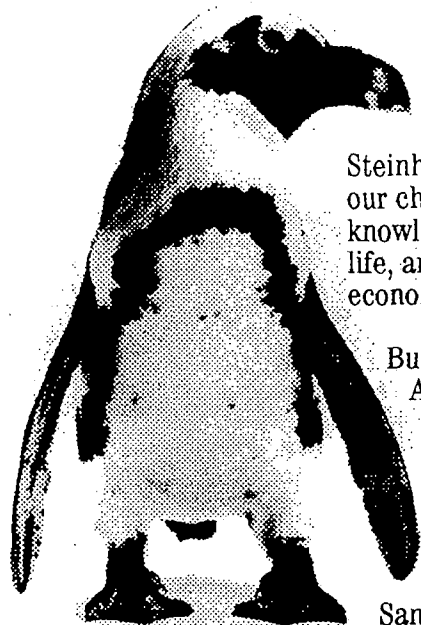
Wednesdays: Nov. 1 at 11 AM, stories for pre-schoolers with Dorothy. Nov. 15 at 11AM, story-time with Sophie, featuring stories and songs. Bernal Books, 401 Cortland, 550-0293.

Ongoing at the Bernal Heights Library

Tuesdays: Children's Videos at 10:30 AM, videos for kids ages 3 thru 7. **Homework Center**, 5-8 PM. Homework help available for school kids of all ages. **Wednesdays: Family Night** at 7:30 PM. Story hour, films, crafts, and entertainment for the whole family. **Thursdays: Children's Story Hour**, 10:30AM. Thirty minutes of reading for pre-schoolers. **Fridays: Chess Club** at 4 PM. Girls especially encouraged. Adults also welcome to come teach and play. **Make a Holiday Card**: November 11 - 30. Make a Holiday Card for your family. Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, New Year.

Bernal Heights groups, merchants, schools, block clubs and non-profits are invited to submit their special events and meeting announcements in the Bernal calendar. Small photographs or graphics can be included if space allows. Please submit your announcements to New Bernal Journal, 515 Cortland Avenue, SF, CA 94110 or call Kristin Hofso at (415) 285-5700.

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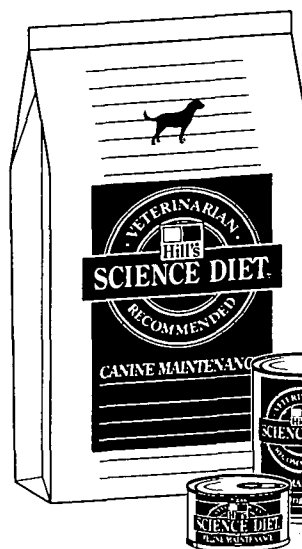


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